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SUBJ: VISIT OF NAPOLEON CHAGNON, ANTHROPOLOGIST

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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH CHAGNON APRIL 26 FOLLOWING LATTER'S MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF THE INDIAN COMMISSION. CHAGNON REPORTED THERE WAS OPPOSITION WITHIN THE COMMISSION TO GRANTING HIM A PERMIT TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES. CHAGNON SAID HE INTENDED TO PURSUE THE MATTER THRU THE VENEZUELAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION (IVIC).

2. CHAGNON ADVISED POL COUNSELOR APRIL 28 THAT HE HAD AGREED WITH IVIC THAT IT WOULD CO-SPONSOR HIS FUTURE STUDIES IN RETURN FOR SOME FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM CHAGNON'S SPONSOR AND HIS AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE TWO VENEZUELAN STUDENTS IN THE PROJECT. ON RECEIPT OF AGREEMENT TO THIS IN WRITING FROM CHAGNON, IVIC WILL OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PERMISSION FOR CHAGNON AND HIS STUDENTS TO CONTINUE THEIR INVESTIGATIONS. CHAGNON IS SETTING A TWO-MONTH TIME LIMIT FOR IVIC TO OBTAIN THE PERMISSION. CHAGNON EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE TERMS OF THE ARRANGEMENT HE HAS WORKED OUT WITH IVIC.

3. CHAGNON STATED THAT IN THE FUTURE ALL ANTHROPOLOGICAL WORK IN VENEZUELA BY FOREIGNERS WILL HAVE TO BE CHanneled THRU IVIC, WHICH HE SAID, NOW HAS THE SOLE AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND WAIVERS OF THE BLANKET PROHIBITION AGAINST

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